

HERETICAL PRIEST PLACED UNDER BAN

"Devout" Cleric Exposed as
Writer of Atheistic Works

By MINOTT SAUNDERS

Paris, Dec. 12.—After 40 years of service, ostensibly as a devout Catholic priest ministering to the religious needs of the faithful, but under cover the author of blasphemous and heretical works attacking that faith and all other religions, Abbe Joseph Turmel has disappeared from his associates under the ban of major excommunication. Those who have been shocked by disclosures of his double life wonder where and under what personality he will be heard from again.

Turmel has left an amazing record as a Jekyll and Hyde character. Although unfrocked priest and dismissed lecturer in theology in the Roman Catholic university at Rennes, in Brittany, he will probably not be worried financially because of royalties from his books written under 17 different pen names.

The case is described as unprecedented in the annals of the Roman Catholic church. Turmel, as a French priest, was known by his associates as an exemplary cleric and loved by his parishioners for his zeal and religious devotion. His trickery, as exposed by the holy office of Rome, remains a subject of psychological study.

Contradictory Church Teachings.
In his writings, Turmel reviled the most sacred religious beliefs, scoffed at church practices and treated the Deity as something like a monster. In the meantime he was saying daily mass, hearing confessions, and teaching the word of God.

Over a period of time that runs into the last century, Turmel has carried on his infidel practices with most complicated arguments with his various literary selves, either through a curious twist of his mind or to keep clear of all suspicion. Among the names under which he wrote books and articles attacking the church were: Hippolyte Gallier, Guillaume Herzog, Andre Lagarde, Louis Goussier, Henri Delafosse, Armand Dubuc, Antoine Dupin, Paul Latourner, Goulevin Ledureau, Alphonse Michel, Edmond Perrin, Auguste Silvain, Alexis Van Beck and Robert Lawson.

Not all of these agreed, and apparently they were not all heretics. One would write a bitter, blasphemous article, and another would reply perhaps in truly orthodox style and appropriate indignation. Another name would be used for a different shade of opinion on religious subjects. For example, Gallier would often attack Turmel for his devout beliefs, and the Abbe would personally answer from the pulpit. He conducted four or five bitter arguments with himself with great skill and financial profit.

Had been suspected.
One of the first to suspect Turmel, who is now 71, was Cardinal Charost, archbishop of Rennes, who died recently. Other church workers suspected him at various times, but Abbe Turmel was so plausible and emphatic in his denials that neither his fellow priests nor his superiors dared to press accusations. He was never at a loss to give proof of his sincerity.

His undoing came when the Abbe Turmel was identified with one of

the 17 pseudonyms. A book written under the name of "Hippolyte Gallier" and was criticized by a Strasbourg priest in an article published in a French review. The priest received a letter signed Gallier and the editor of the review received another letter on the same subject from Turmel. The letters were exchanged and both men were struck by the similarity of the handwriting. Experts were consulted and they declared that both letters had been written by the same hand.

Immense pains were taken by his ecclesiastical superiors to obtain the full facts about the activities of Abbe Turmel and not until the most convincing evidence was collected were charges against him submitted to the holy office in Rome.

Strictest Ban Imposed.
The sentence is the most severe ban that the holy office can inflict on members of the Roman Catholic church. Turmel not only has been rejected forever from the exercise of his priesthood, publicly named as incurring major excommunication, but he has been cut off by the sentence of "vitandus" from any association for his lifetime with any member of the Catholic church.

The sentence of "vitandus" (one who must be shunned) is extremely rare and it is stated that at present there are only five persons alive who have suffered this punishment. As a result of it, Turmel must never set foot again in any Roman Catholic church. If he does so, all religious offices or ceremonies in progress must at once be suspended, and may not be resumed until he has departed.

No Roman Catholic may meet, talk or write to the person who is under this sentence, or be associated with him in any way. If he enters any house or room, it is the duty of Roman Catholics immediately to leave. They must not bow to him, salute him or recognize his presence in any way. Only the immediate relatives of the person under this interdiction, and his servants, are admitted as exceptions to this order.

May Pray for Him.
The only comfort of a religious nature which is left to Turmel, is that the faithful may pray for the salvation of his soul, but privately.

Only shortly before he died, Cardinal Charost, whose death was sudden, called Turmel and demanded a confession. Instead of complying, Turmel walked out of the room, slammed the door and left Rennes. The question is now asked, what might be expected of a man who efficiently served as a priest, but showed by his other works that he doubted the divinity of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary and the sacrament of the mass? Some of Turmel's works have been translated in foreign languages and circulated by "modernists."

NEAR PERFECT MARK.
Washington, Dec. 12 (AP).—Navy ships were only a fraction of one percent away from a perfect safety record in the 1929 fiscal year. Of a total of 252,095 flights, only 14 resulted in fatal injuries, making the flights 99.945 percent safe from fatalities. The figure was set forth today in the annual report of Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of aeronautics. There were 420 "crashes" scattered over 260,554 hours down which involved injury to the aircraft. Eighteen persons killed, 15 serious and 45 minor injuries were recorded.

For every fatal new record total of 14,832 hours, and for each fatal accident 19,070 hours were flown—against 6,753 and 11,129 hours, respectively, in 1928.

Einstein Arrives in U. S., Met By Reporters



Associated Press Photo

Prof. Albert Einstein, father of the theory of relativity, surrounded by newspapermen during interview aboard liner on which he arrived in New York. His gray hair standing in all directions. Dr. Einstein smiled only when he spoke. The rest of the time his brown eyes seemed to be searching for a place where they could rest without looking at strangers.

MINISTER FLAYS AWARD TO LEWIS

Divinity School Head Deplores
Debunking Novels

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 12 (AP).—Centennial of the granting of the Nobel prize in literature to "one who picks flaws in God-fearing Americans and strips tales from men like Washington and Henry Ward Beecher," was made at the opening session of the International Men's Congress of the United States at its two-day meeting here.

Dr. Albert W. Benson, president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., and president of the Northern Baptist convention, charged that attacks on the church were strengthened by such awards when he addressed nearly 1,000 delegates, representing 22 Protestant sects, last night. His statements were taken as a protest against recent awarding of the Nobel prize to Sinclair Lewis.

"When literature reaches a stage where the Nobel prize is awarded to one who picks flaws in God-fearing Americans and strips tales from men like Washington and Henry Ward Beecher, it is no wonder that the church is a shining mark for the attacks of the Lewises and Menckens," he said.

VINE ST. OCTOGENARIAN SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Children and Grandchildren Honor
Thomas Cranley As He Attains
Age of 80 Years

A surprise birthday party was given for Thomas Cranley, who is 80 years old today, at his home at 74 Vine street last night by members of his family. Mr. Cranley has been a resident of New Britain for the past 58 years, having moved here in 1872 from Norfolk in England. He is a native of the town of "Simon pure" in Norfolk.

As a boy Mr. Cranley was a neighborhood playmate of the new famous Mr. William H. Welch of Johns Hopkins University. When Mr. Welch passed his 80th year last spring Mr. Cranley sent him a note of congratulation and in return received a thoughtful acknowledgment and personal reminiscences from the famous surgeon.

Mr. Cranley prides himself on his ability to deceive people with whom he comes into contact as to his age, saying he often hears men who are younger than he by a decade complain of being afflicted with old age. When these complainers have finished with their tale of woe, Mr. Cranley just sits back, he states, and says, "Well, sonny, I've got you beat by a few years."

Mr. and Mrs. Cranley's four children, Thomas C. Jr., John H., and Ellen B. Cranley, and Mrs. Cleveland Jones, were present last night. Mrs. Jones has six children and Thomas C. Cranley has one child. Many gifts were bestowed upon the guest of honor.

MOUSE CAUSES WRECK.
Augusta, Me., Dec. 12 (AP).—When a mouse ran up Herman Patterson's trouser leg, he lost control of his automobile, which was wrecked. The driver escaped serious injury.

At a Court of Probate held at New Britain, within and for the district of Berlin, in the county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1930.
Present, Bernard F. Gaffney, Judge.
Estate of Edward Schaefer of New Britain, in said district, upon the petition of Emil Schaefer, said New Britain praying that as guardian he may be authorized and empowered to compromise and settle a certain doubtful and disputed claim for a sum in dollars as per said application on file more fully appears, it is
Ordered, that said application be heard and determined at the Probate Office in New Britain, in said district, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1930, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and that notice be given of the pendency of said application and the time and place of hearing thereon by publishing this order in some newspaper published in said New Britain having a circulation in said district, and by posting a copy thereof on the public sign-post in the town of New Britain in said district and return make.
BERNARD F. GAFFNEY, Judge.

TRANSITMAN INJURED WHEN GROUND CAVES

LeRoy Leonard Thrown Into Ditch.
Sustains Twisted Neck—Rescued By Workers.

LeRoy M. Leonard of 144 Carlton street, transitman in the employ of the public works department, was thrown several feet into a sewer ditch off Wooster street in the Barnstable district this forenoon and was painfully injured about the left hip, the head and hands. He was taken to the office of Dr. George H. Dalton and later to New Britain General hospital, where an X-ray examination was made.

According to Leonard, he was standing with one foot on a plank and the other on a bank of the ditch when the ground gave way and he was pitched into the ditch and rendered unconscious. When he came to his senses he was on the ground, having been pulled to the surface by fellow workmen. His hip pained him severely and his head and neck appeared to have been badly twisted. When Dr. Dalton's preliminary examination indicated that there probably were no fractures.

APPROVE SMITH RELEASE.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 12 (AP).—The appellate court martial today approved the release of the American aviator Fred Smith, who was arrested on charges of participating in the recent revolutionary attempt.

Smith and another American flier, Edward O. De Larni, of San Francisco were arrested together, but De Larni escaped and made his way to Buenos Aires in a 600-mile trip during which he endured considerable hardships.

Smith, whose home is Redcliffe, N. C., was De Larni's mechanic. He spent a brief time in prison but was released under bail last month with a court recommendation that he be acquitted.

BOGUE SUES CARDINALS.
Chicago, Dec. 12 (AP).—George Bogue, former Stanford University halfback, has filed suit for \$125,220 against the Chicago Cardinals professional football team, alleging it was unpaid salary. Bogue charged the Cardinals paid him \$535 on a \$2,500 contract and then sent him to the Newark, N. J., club under protest and at a reduced salary. Newark, he said, paid him \$249.80. Officials of the Cardinals said the Newark club had assumed Bogue's contract.

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Maple Hill News

The Christmas party given by the Woman's club of Maple Hill Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. K. Perry on Golf street was well attended. During the afternoon Mrs. A. H. Blackington of Boston gave a general book review which was very interesting, and a musical program was furnished by a trio consisting of Mrs. R. B. Elam, Dorothy and Richard Elam which was enjoyed by everyone.

The club voted \$10 to be given to the Newington Home for Crippled Children at Christmas.

Mrs. Roy Miller has been appointed by the club to take charge of the collecting for the lighting of the Christmas tree on the Maple Hill park.

Mrs. and Mrs. Raymond Carr, and children of Omaha, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Halbert Jr., on Stuart street for two weeks.

Mrs. Frederick Teich represented the Woman's club of Maple Hill at the county meeting of the Federated Women's club held in Hartford on Wednesday. Mrs. Teich gave a three minute talk on the welfare work of the Maple Hill club.

A daughter, Barbara, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Sloan of New York at the Hartford hospital on November 24. Mrs. Sloan before her marriage was Miss Viola Ehlers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ehlers of Maple Hill ave.

Master Marshall Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens of Holyoke, Mass., is spending a few days with Miss Arline E. Root of Golf street.

Googel "Baby" Member Of Connecticut House.
Representative-elect Samuel A. Googel of this city will be the youngest member of the house of representatives when the general assembly convenes next month. Attorney Googel was born in Russia on December 16, 1907.

IMMIGRATION FORBIDDEN.
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 12 (AP).—Immigration from Europe to Brazil is to be forbidden for a period of six months under a new government program to solve the unemployment problem. Unofficial estimates place the number of unemployed in this city at 80,000.

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\$100,000 Borrowed Few Months Ago
Said to Be Near Exhaustion—
City May Borrow

That it may soon be necessary to raise money for the public works department in order to carry on outside work for relief of the unemployment situation, with stated today by Mayor Quigley. A few months ago \$100,000 was borrowed on short term notes, but it is being used in amounts which will consume it shortly.

If the weather does not necessitate the discontinuance of the outside work, a large number of laborers will be kept on the payroll as long as possible.

SOMERS SENT TO JAIL.
New Haven, Dec. 12 (AP).—Terrel Somers, 27, was sentenced to 100 days in jail today when found guilty of stealing athletic equipment from a salesman's parked automobile.

TWO SENT TO JAIL.
Bridgeport, Dec. 12 (AP).—John Baroni, 33, and Joseph Amador, 26, arrested in Stamford on Nov. 2, as suspicious persons, were sent to state prison by Judge Alfred S. Baldwin today for carrying a gun in the car. Baroni received from three to five years and Amador one to three.

GETS FEDERAL PENSION.
Mrs. Jennie M. Barrows of Bristol, widow of William H. Barrows, who was a resident of this city, has been granted a pension by the U. S. government. Mr. Barrows was a member of Company A, 13th Connecticut regiment, in the Civil war.

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